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The 2013 Roving Eye International Film Festival Announces Best Film Awards

8th Annual Event draws record crowds, world premieres & attending filmmakers

This year's awards for top films at the **8th Annual Roving Eye International Film Festival** have been released. **Xuan Nguyen** from Vietnam and a member of the Roger Williams University class, Curation and Film Festival Production that developed this year's Festival, made the announcement at the closing day festivities on the Bristol campus.

This year's programming featured films from Japan through a new collaboration with the Academy Award-qualifying, **Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia**; a focus on the Jewish Experience and lecture by **Debórah Dwork**, Rose Professor of Holocaust History and Director of the Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University; a conversation with filmmaker **Joe Rocco** and a screening of "WaterFire: Art & Soul of a City;" premieres of new student work, and a diversity program for the LGBTQ community. Guests included **Steven Feinberg**, Executive Director of the RI Film & Television Office; Israeli filmmaker and media educator, **Jonathan Friesem**; broadcaster/journalist **John Martin**, Communications Director at AARP Rhode Island; **Mary Healey Jamiel**, documentary filmmaker; **Judy Laster**, Executive Director of the Woods Hole Film Festival; **Gary Glassman**, President and Executive Producer of Providence Pictures; writer/director, **Reshad Kulenovic**; and **Shawn Quirk**, Program Director, for the Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival.

Students at the University, with the guidance of Flickers, created the Roving Eye International Film Festival through the Film Minor senior course, "Curation and Film Festival Production." Flickers' Executive Director and RWU Professor, **George T. Marshall** teaches the senior-level course. Students spent the first part of the spring semester reviewing more than 600 films and create, curate and market the entire event. **Roberta E. Adams, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean of Humanities and Performing Arts, is the Festival Chair, linking faculty adjudicators with students, RIIFF and the RWU administration in a unique collaboration.

"This year's program of 50 films was our largest and most diverse one to date," commented Shawn Quirk, Program Director of FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival.

"With over 20 countries represented, the films featured in this year's Roving Eye highlighted a number of unique perspectives from across the globe, so it was quite challenging for our judges to choose this year's winners. Our judges lauded every film."

THE 2013 AWARD WINNERS:

- Best Narrative Short: "Calcutta Taxi" | Vikram Dasgupta | Canada
- Roving Eye Ambassador Award: "Vergeben - Vergessen" | Nicolas Greinacher | Switzerland



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- Best Feature Film: "Exquisite Corpse Project" | Ben Popik | USA
- Best Documentary: "Water Fire: Art and Soul of a City" | Joe Rocco | USA
- Best Short Documentary: "20MALEGAYNYC" | Blake Pruitt | USA

To see a listing of this year's programming and to learn more about the Roving Eye Festival, go to: <http://www.film-festival.org/RovingEye.php>

ABOUT FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:

The **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF) has secured its place in the global community as the portal for the best in international independent cinema, earning the respect of domestic and foreign filmmakers, filmgoers and trend watchers. This confluence of art and commerce brought together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and audience members in record numbers last year. Ranked as one of the top-12 festivals in the United States, RIIFF is one of 75 festivals worldwide that is a qualifying festival for the Academy Awards through its partnership with the **Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences**.

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running Aug. 6-11, 2013 at **The Vets** (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit www.RIFilmFest.org or call 401.861.4445.

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